



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 10, 2020 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, Financial Analyst
Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:14 AM.

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Paul Leggett, Division Director, Salt lake County Aging and Adult Services, spoke against the proposed cuts for the aging waiver and new choice waiver.

Sharmane Gull, Program Director, CSS, Washington County, spoke to advocate in behalf of #DC Medicaid Behavioral Health Reimbursement Rate Increases and Service Adjustments.

Jeff Coombs, Director, Tooele County Health Department, spoke as an advocate for the aging wavier and alternative program.

Kristy Cottrell, Deputy Director, Davis County Health Department, Deputy Director, Aging Services, spoke in support of the aging wavier and alternative program.

Rep. Ward asked a question about funding comparing this year to other years and Kristy Cottrell clarified.

2 . Requests for Appropriation - Department of Workforce Services

Rep. Thurston introduced the proposal for the funding request.

[5a-Thurston - Intergenerational Poverty Budget](#)

[5a2-Thurston - Intergenerational Poverty Performance Measures](#)

Chair Ray commented and Rep. Thurston replied.

Sen Weiler introduced Emily Harrison.

[5b1-Weiler - Military Spouse Employment Budget](#)

Emily Harrison, Director, Blue Star Families, introduced her situation and presented the subject of military Spouse Employment. She shared a document entitled Closing the gap for Military Spouse Employment through Spouseforce.

[5b2-Weiler - Military Spouse Employment Performance Measure 2020](#)

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[5b3-Weiler - Military Spouse Employment Description Relevant to Budget and PM](#)

Danielle Lankford, military spouse, presented information about military spouse employment she has incurred.

Sen. Weiler requested \$100,000 ongoing or one-time amount and Emily shared what those funds would provide for the military spouses.

Chair Ray asked what the Utah unemployment rate for military spouses is in Utah. Emily Harrison explained the lack of a tracking mechanism currently.

Sen. Weiler introduced Andy Curry.

Andy Curry, Chair, Association for Independent Living in Utah (AILU), presented the information for the request.

[5d1-Weiler - Independent Living - Itemized Budget](#)

[5d2-Weiler - Independent Living - Performance and Financing](#)

Sen. Christensen asked whether the amount being requested is definite or if less money would help. Andy Curry replied.

Sen. Weiler commented about the current budget year.

Sen. Anderegg, introduced the details of the request for the Amendment for Affordable Housing.

[5g1-Anderegg - SB39 Affordable Housing Amendments Itemized Budget](#)

[5g2-Anderegg - SB39 Affordable Housing Amendments Performance Measures](#)

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for clarification on the amount asked for and Sen. Anderegg responded.

Rep. Coleman asked about a disparity in data collected and asked for an explanation of how families are defined. Sen. Anderegg responded with statistics to clarify. There was continued conversation between Rep. Coleman and Sen. Anderegg.

Jonathan Hardy, Department of Workforce Services, gave input to the discussion.

Rep. Christiansen asked if Sen. Anderegg has had conversation with Rep. Waldrop. Sen. Anderegg responded. More discussion followed.

Rep. Hollins asked about the number of families and the definition of families that are homeless. Sen. Anderegg responded.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification on the the document handed out. Jacob Anderegg responded and turned time to Jonathan Hardy.

Jonathan Hardy clarified the information with input from Sen. Anderegg and there was more discussion between Rep. Robertson, Sen. Anderegg and Jonathan Hardy on the information presented.

Utah Co. Transitional Housing Request

Sen. Anderegg presented information and defined the request.

Rep. Ray introduced Kim Correa.

[5c1-Ray - The Inn Between Medical Respite Budget and Perf Measures](#)

Kim Correa, Executive Director, The Inn Between Medical Respite, introduced the project and the services provided along with the request.

[5f2-Ray - Weber County Prosperity Initiative - Performance Measures](#)

Melissa Freegang, Director, Weber County Center of Excellence and Scott Jenkins, Commissioner, Weber County, introduced themselves and spoke in behalf of the proposal for the Prosperity Initiative.

[5f1-Ray - Weber County Prosperity Initiative - Itemized Budget](#)

[5f2-Ray - Weber County Prosperity Initiative - Performance Measures](#)

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on the amount being asked for and Scott Jenkins clarified.

Sen. Thatcher introduced Tooele Independent Living Facility and Debra Mair.

[5e1-Utah Independent Living Center Tooele Skills Center Budget and Perf Measures](#)

Debra Mair, Executive Director, Utah Independent Living Center, explained the request with input from Sen. Thatcher.

Chair Ray introduced the next item on the agenda.

3 . FY 2020 and FY 2021 Budget Reductions Discussion and Voting

Chair Ray and Sen. Christensen explained the situation for the reductions sheet.

Rep. Christiansen asked questions in regard to the budget reduction options list and Chair Ray responded with input from Nathan Checketts, UDOH to clarify. Chair Ray suggested going through each item on the list.

Dr. Mark Babitz, Deputy Director, UDOH, responded to an item being asked about with Rep. Thurston commenting and clarifying questions from Rep. Christiansen.

Rep. Christiansen continued asking questions about the list. There was response from Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, UDOH, gave an explanation to the question.

Sen. Christensen assumed the chair.

Sen. Escamilla asked for clarification on the items deleted on the list and Chair Christensen explained what had been done for the list. Dr. Joe Miner further clarified.

Rep. Ward suggested asking about making motions as items are discussed. Chair Christensen clarified his question.



Chair Christensen proceeded to go through the items by number with feedback from the Department of Health (DOH) on each item.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to take the cut for Item #20, Increase Childcare Licensing Fee, on the Budget Reduction Options sheet. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 6 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-6

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

Sen. Escamilla commented on item #20 with further clarifying questioning from Rep. Judkins. Dr. Mark Babitz clarified.

Cory Holdaway, Utah Private Childcare Association, spoke against increasing the fees.

Discussion was begun on item #22, End Paying Percentage of Billed Charges for Medicaid Rural Inpatient Hospital Claims.

Rep. Christiansen requested more information to better understand item #22.

Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association (UHA), explained.

Chair Ray moved to item #23, Reduce Aging Alternatives Allocation to Match Actual Spending. Ann Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), commented.

Rep. Thurston asked about the surplus. Nels Holmgren, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services, DHS, responded. Rep. Thurston commented further.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to remove item #23 and #24 from the budget reduction items.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on items #23 and 24. Nels Holmgren replied.

Sen. Christensen asked the Subcommittee to consider how the money would be spent.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to leave the cut on line 23 strike the cut on 24.

Sen. Christensen asked for further information from Nels Holmgren on the substitute motion. He clarified what would happen with comment from Ann Williamson.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked about federal match and Nels Holmgren answered.

Rep. Ward clarified the funding request and his view of the request.

Rep. Thurston responded in support of the substitute motion.

Sen. Escamilla spoke against the substitute motion.

The substitute motion passed with a vote of 9 - 5 - 3.



Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-5

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Grover

Item #25 was not discussed.

Rep. Christiansen asked about item #26.

Mark Brasher discussed item #26 Social Services Block Grant Reserve with input from Ann Williamson and Rep. Christiansen.

MOTION: Rep. Christiansen moved to take reduction item #26 at \$1 million. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 11 - 4.

Yeas-2

Rep. S. Christiansen
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

Sen. Christensen commented.

Rep. Ward clarified how the money is spent.

Rep. Judkins commented on the percentage of the budget.

The vote was taken on item #26.

Ann Williamson commented on item #27, Recover Federal Medicaid Match and Commercial Reimbursement for Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams and item #28 Recover Unspent Funds for Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.

Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, spoke about this item.

Rep. Judkins commented.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to remove item #27 from the Budget Reduction Options sheet and change item #28 to \$59,000. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 5.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-3

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray

Ann Williamson introduced item #29 and Doug Thomas shared more information.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to strike item #29 for \$300,000 ongoing and leave it on as a one-time cut. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 2 - 3.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-2

Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

Item #30 Use Federal Funds for Family Residential Treatment Programs was introduced by Ann Williamson.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to strike line #30 from the cut list. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

Chair Ray resumed the chair.

Item #32, Recover Unspent Funds for Intermediate Care Facility Transition to Community Services, was presented by Ann Williamson.

Sen. Escamilla made a comment.

Sen. Christiansen asked for clarification about #32 and Ann Williamson responded.

Item #33 had no comment.

Sen. Christensen commented on #34.

Ann Williamson stated that the department accepts lines #33-36 .

#37 Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), responded to agree to the cut.

Item #3, Eliminate Work is the Way.

Rep. Christiansen commented on item #37.

#38 remains

Line #39 Jon Pierpont clarified.

Sen. Weiler made a motion and then withdrew it.

Rep. Robertson in regard to line #39 asked about reinvesting the funds. Kevin Burt, DWS, responded to the inquiry.

Rep. Thurston asked the chair about finding additional reductions.

Russell Frandsen commented.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to accept the reduction list as amended this day. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray

Russell Frandsen made clarifying comments about the Budget Reduction Options list.

Chair Christensen clarified what the committee accomplished and what to review for the next meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM.